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WICHITA, KANSAS MAN SENTENCED ON CHILD PORN CHARGE

WICHITA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Ralph S. Main, III**, 31, Wichita, Kansas, was sentenced on Wednesday, December 3, 2003, by U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Marten **to twenty-seven months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release.**

Main entered a guilty plea on August 25, 2003, to one count of possession of child pornography that had been transported in interstate commerce by computer.

Melgren stated that Main admitted a his plea that from an unknown time until November 14, 2002, he subscribed to a business distributing child pornography over the internet. Main further admitted that he had approximately 5,000 images of child pornography on his computer.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the U.S. Customs Service in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Metzger in this prosecution.